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" THE BLUE FOX " ✓

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Synopsis of Episode Seven. ✓ . . . . . "WASHED ASHORE" ✓

Ann and Robert are washed ashore in the morning, still clinging to their life preserver. There they are found by a fisherman, who takes them to his home and cares for them until they are revived. In the meantime, the captain of the schooner has managed to work her back to port from which he started and there he puts in for repairs and a new crew, turning Baxter and John over to the police. In the morning they insist on bail, and Baxter puts up the necessary money. While they are in the office, one of the fishermen who picked Ann and Robert up comes in and reports to the police that he has found a man and a girl who have been washed ashore, unconscious from a wreck the night before. Baxter and John know that the castaways must be Ann and Robert and they follow the fisherman out and question him. Their suspicions verified, they start across the bay in a launch, Red with them.

Revived, Ann and Robert request the fisherman to take them to the mainland, and he agrees. But they are captured by Baxter and John before they can make it. Meantime, Tarka has come to at the house of the farmer in whose car he had been thrown. The farmer gives him the half of the fox skin that Robert had thrown in the tonneau, and Tarka, overjoyed at its recovery, starts toward Edgewater again to try and find some trace of Ann. After a desperate struggle, Baxter and John carry Robert and Ann to Red's shack and search them, then try to force them to tell where the rest of the fox skin is. Angered, Baxter sends Red for a car, and ties Robert securely in the shack. At the garage, Tarka has come for his motorcycle when he sees Red come in and start out with the car. Tarka jumps onto the tire rack of the machine to find

out if Red will carry him to Baxter, and maybe Ann. Red stops at the shack, and Tarka hides. Baxter and John leave Robert at the shack, securely tied, and start toward a retreat that Baxter knows in the city, taking the struggling Ann with them. Tarka follows on his motorcycle. Ann is taken to a cheap lodging house with which Baxter is familiar. They drag her upstairs and leave her in charge of the old woman who runs the place. The idea comes to Baxter that it would be an excellent plan if John were married to Ann, as they would then share in the mine no matter who found it. He sends John for a license and a justice of the peace.

Tarka, who has followed them, has climbed up the fire escape to the roof, and overhears the plan. He starts back for Robert for help. Ann breaks away and runs to the window, but shrinks from the four-story drop. But a little later, as Tarka is racing for Robert, and John is making his felonious arrangements, she knocks the old woman over and holding onto a bolt to steady herself, swings into the window of the adjoining room. The old woman runs out and warns Baxter and he rushes back to head Ann off. Ann escapes to the roof with Baxter and the others in hot pursuit. She eludes them, and gets down the fire escape; but at the foot the old woman is waiting for her and grabs her. She is dragged back upstairs. Tarka arrives at Red's shack and breaks in and overpowers the man who is guarding Robert. He and Robert start back for the city at top speed. John has come back with the justice of the peace, and they force him to make ready to perform the ceremony, torturing him when he refuses. Tarka and Robert arrive, and go to the roof. The justice has given in, and starts the ceremony just as Robert and Tarka drop into the room. A terrible fight follows, in which Tarka and Robert are badly outnumbered.



Tarka is knocked out, and Baxter comes for Ann. Tarka has managed to slip to Ann the half of the fox skin he had. Ann flees to the window, Baxter pursuing. She swings out and onto a wire, trying to make the building across the street. Baxter stops at the window, and when he sees that Ann's perilous hand over hand climb is going to be successful, he pulls out a knife and cuts the wire. And Ann, still holding tight her slender grip, is swung down and out into space.

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